## JEFFERSON COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

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**TO:** Farmland Preservation Program Participants:

## THIS LETTER IS IMPORTANT. READ AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

We do not have a copy of your 2014 Nutrient Management Checklist on file.

You must have a copy on file or enclosed with your annual certification, or your certification will be returned to you.

Enclosed is your Annual Certification Form. In order to take the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Tax Credit (FPP) for the 2013 tax year, you must fill out the form and return it along with the \$25 Certification fee to the Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) by April 15, 2014. Submitting this form to our office later than April 15, 2014 will result in a late charge. See chart below.

Annual Certification Received After:	Total Certification Fee Due:
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$45
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$55
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$65
July 15 <sup>th</sup> to October 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$75
After October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Notice of Non-Compliance Issued

A-1 zoned land in Jefferson County is covered by Exclusive Ag Zoning. You must use Wisconsin State Income Tax form **SCHEDULE FC-A** to claim your tax credit (\$7.50/acre) on your Jefferson County land.

As of January 2010, eligibility for the Farmland Preservation Tax Credit changed. In addition to having and following an LWCD approved conservation plan, the following conservation standards must be met:

- You must have a Nutrient Management Plan. THIS APPLIES TO ALL CROPLAND; BOTH CASH GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK FARMS. If you have a renter, please discuss this with them.
- All State Conservation Standards concerning livestock and animal waste need to be met (if applicable) by December 31, 2014. These requirements are listed in detail on the annual Certification form.

If you have questions regarding Working Lands Initiative/Farmland Preservation Program please call (920) 674-7110.